

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEFFERY HUGHLEY'S INDUCTION INTO THE BLACK ACHIEVERS SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with immense pride that I rise today to recognize and celebrate the induction of Captain Jeffery Hughley into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. A distinguished police officer, non-profit board member, and Senior Advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency, it seems there is nothing that Captain Hughley cannot accomplish. He has served the Kansas City community in more ways than one and truly embodies the mission of the Black Achievers Society.

Captain Hughley started as a police officer for KCPD's Central Patrol Division in 2005 and quickly rose through the ranks. Spending his days working tirelessly to ensure a safe environment for those around him, even when that meant putting his own life at risk, Captain Hughley's exemplary record and dedication to the people of Kansas City did not go unnoticed. He served as a Detective in the Street Crimes Unit, supervised and mentored new officers as a Sergeant, and eventually achieved the rank of Captain, providing leadership and oversight to the East Patrol Division & Detention Services Unit. Throughout his career, Captain Hughley also provided protection to elected officials and local leaders, ensuring their safety during important events and gatherings. In addition to his official duties as a law enforcement officer, Captain Hughley served nearly five years as an Executive Board Member of the Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 99, fostering a strong sense of unity and comradery between officers. His service to our city has proven invaluable and we continue to express our endless gratitude.

While protecting and serving your community for over 15 years is remarkable in and of itself, Captain Hughley continues to go above and beyond the call of duty. Appointed by Governor Jay Nixon, he served as Commissioner of the Missouri Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission from 2015 until 2019. A delegation created to analyze the current training practices of law enforcement in hopes of creating better outcomes for both officers and those they serve, the Commission eventually increased continuing education programs and the training required for police officers throughout the State of Missouri. Under Captain Hughley's leadership, the Commission emphasized implicit bias training and de-escalation techniques in order to make policing more fair and just. His continued focus on uplifting the underprivileged led him to becoming a Board Member of Reconciliation Services, a non-profit organization that strategically addresses community needs through increased

social and mental health services. Guided by the Biblical command to "love thy neighbor," Captain Hughley helps address the issues facing families in the urban core through his work with Reconciliation Services.

Having already obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas Grantham, Captain Hughley felt compelled to return to school. Applying his exceptional leadership experience to his coursework, Captain Hughley received an Executive Master of Business Administration from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. He has used the knowledge gained from this program in his work both as a police officer and in his current position as Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. Captain Hughley masterfully employs his extensive education, professional experience, and institutional knowledge as he continues to support and serve the Kansas City community. We are extremely lucky to have such a kind and generous soul working to make our city the best that it can be.

The Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City is an acclaimed, respected, and exclusive institution. I founded this organization in 1974 with the goal of recognizing companies that demonstrated leadership in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Today, nearly 50 years later, the Black Achievers Society's mission is to respond to the multifaceted needs of the community by providing role models for Black and minority youth. Membership in the Society is reserved for African American professionals who have been nominated for their leadership, achievements, and community involvement. Having known him personally for many years and having seen the impact his work has made in the lives of others, it was with great joy that I nominated Captain Hughley for admission into the Society. Being inducted as a member is a great honor and momentous occasion. I believe I speak for all Kansas Citians when I say that Captain Hughley is deeply deserving of this induction. I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

Captain Hughley represents the best in all of us. His care and compassion for those with whom he serves shines through in all that he does, and it is my privilege to recognize Captain Hughley's devotion to the people of Kansas City. Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating Captain Jeffery Hughley's induction into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. Our neighborhoods are safer, stronger, and better places to raise families because of Captain Hughley. Let us look to Captain Hughley as an example and live as stewards of our communities, just as he has.

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Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, from a very young age, this person for whom I stand today was into all kinds of athletic games. Not just one kind of sport but every sport and every kind of athlete. So, talking about it came naturally. He asked, why should I not make this a career?

In Baltimore there is a gritty loyalty to its sports teams and its heroes. Over the span of four decades, one man has talked about and reported on two Super Bowl champion teams, the most decorated Olympian of all time and various stars in the athletic firmament from the greater Baltimore region with a gusto unmatched or unequaled by anyone. He has made everyday people feel like they were a part of the story, and so I am pleased today to enter into the RECORD my recognition for distinguished sportscaster and storyteller, Mr. Bruce Cunningham, who has recently retired from WBFF Fox 45 TV news in Baltimore.

Many Ravens fans know only one voice as the straightforward announcer and analyst of the NFL team's home games. Michael Phelps' exploits were told true and writ large over the TV screens of viewers young and old, proud of their hometown hero bringing gold medal after gold medal home for swimming. Whether it was the Orioles after a come-from-behind win or a heartbreaking loss, or Navy football celebrating a win over Army, Bruce was sure to tell the story with imagination, spirit, and Baltimore braggadocio.

I was Sports Unlimited, on Sunday nights, that was Bruce's hallmark. Since 1991, at its inception with Fox 45 in Baltimore, Bruce has been sharing his takes on everything from MLB to the Baltimore Blast soccer team to Maryland and Johns Hopkins lacrosse. He was there for the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship the University of Maryland brought home. He saluted Coach Brenda Frese's Lady Terrapins NCAA Championship in basketball. He also talked golf, tennis and other sports like boxing and horseracing, and he was there at Pimlico for eventual Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah in 2015.

There is something intangible about sports which unites a city, and Bruce Cunningham made that part of his many broadcasts. Ranging from the intensity of Baltimore in the Ravens' Ray Lewis and the Orioles' Cal Ripken, Jr. to the lesser-known stories in Maryland like Tamir Goldman of the Talmudical Academy in Baltimore, dubbed the "Jewish Jordan" for his basketball abilities, or Helen Maroulis, the two-time bronze medal-winner in women's wrestling at the Olympics from Rockville, Bruce has covered it all with the spirit and grit of Baltimore and a love for our state of Maryland not many could match.

Now that he has decided to lead a "normal life" and "get home before midnight on Sundays" as he puts it, our city will not have that

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